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Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2002 Joint Annual Meeting of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference to be held at the beautifully-renovated Hotel Intercontinental on May 5 through 7, 2002. The theme of this year's Conference is "Law and Economics" and it will feature speakers such as Supreme Court Justice **John Paul Stevens**; **Samuel K. Skinner** (former Secretary of Transportation and White House Chief of Staff), the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, **Patrick J. Fitzgerald**; and the General Counsel of the General Motors Corporation, **Thomas Gottschalk**. The Conference also will include hands-on breakout workshops and a special luncheon and tour of Chicago neighborhoods, churches and venues for spouses.

Before detailing the plans for the Conference, however, permit us to encourage you to return the enclosed hotel reservation card directly to the Hotel Intercontinental at your earliest opportunity and, in any event, **no later than April 5, 2002**. Hotels in Chicago are already widely sold-out for the week of the Conference, meaning that you must make your reservations by this deadline to be guaranteed a room, particularly at the Association's special rate of \$190 per night.

Our present schedule calls for the following activities:

Registration. The Association will have a special registration table available for members and their guests at the Hotel Intercontinental from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. Registration will be open on Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The address of the Hotel Intercontinental is 505 North Michigan, Chicago. Additionally, registration will be available at the Opening Reception at the Dewes Mansion.

Sunday, May 5

Dewes Mansion. The Conference will begin on Sunday evening with a welcoming reception for judges, members and guests at the Dewes Mansion at 503 West Wrightwood Avenue in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. A trolley will shuttle guests between the

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Hotel Intercontinental and the reception. In addition to an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, the reception will feature an opportunity to tour the historic mansion, which was modeled after the Chateau de Versailles in France.

Monday, May 6

Opening Session. Monday morning will begin at the Hotel Intercontinental with memorials to Judges John W. Reynolds and William L. Beatty. The substantive program will follow with opening remarks by Thomas Gottschalk on the Conference's theme. The session will continue with a presentation on voir dire and jury selection led by both trial attorneys and jury consultants, followed by a panel discussion regarding the use of demonstrative evidence.

"Ethnic Salad Bowl" Tour. Meanwhile, spouses will enjoy a guided bus tour of ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Chicago to explore contributions made by those of varied cultures and backgrounds. The tour includes the Jane Addams Hull House, America's first settlement house; Saints Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Church, with its stunning frescoes; St. Patrick's Church, which is a survivor of the Chicago fire and contains beautiful stained glass and Celtic artwork; the Harold Washington Library, including its artwork and museum exhibit celebrating African-American culture and the life of Chicago's first and only African-American mayor; and the murals of the Mexican "Pilsen" neighborhood. Members of the tour will enjoy lunch in Little Italy and will be transported from neighborhood to neighborhood by coach bus.

Annual Luncheon. Back at the Hotel Intercontinental, Chief Judge Joel M. Flaum will kick off the annual luncheon on Monday by delivering the State of the Judiciary Address. He will be followed by invited guest speaker Samuel K. Skinner. Mr. Skinner, who currently serves as Chairman and CEO of USFreightways Corporation, served under President George Bush as Secretary of Transportation and White House Chief of Staff.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions. After the Monday luncheon, Association members will divide into breakout sessions at the Hotel Intercontinental conference rooms to discuss the following topics:

1. *Civil:* (a) Use of Expert Witnesses on Economics/Damages, *and* (b) Settlement Economics: Efficiencies and Inefficiencies of ADR, moderated by the Hon. Richard A. Posner.
2. *Criminal:* (a) U.S. Attorney's roundtable, including U.S. Attorneys from all three Districts *and* (b) an exceptional panel presentation on the Patriot Act and the costs of national security.
3. *Bankruptcy:* Panel Discussion of "Hot and Emerging" Topics

So that we may make appropriate arrangements, we ask that you indicate your preference among these breakout sessions on the enclosed registration form.

The Annual Dinner. The Association's annual dinner on Monday evening at the Hotel Intercontinental will feature remarks by Justice John Paul Stevens, Circuit Justice for the Seventh

Circuit, and an address by U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Patrick J. Fitzgerald.

Tuesday, May 7

Breakfast for Newer Lawyers. The annual Breakfast for Newer Lawyers will be held at a private dining room at the Hotel Intercontinental at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. This breakfast with the judges is an excellent opportunity for junior lawyers to engage in informal, one-on-one conversation with members of the judiciary, and is open to lawyers who have been practicing law for fewer than 10 years. Chief Judge Joel M. Flaum and Association President Karen P. Layng will preside. A number of judges from throughout the Circuit have already committed to attend this event, and we encourage you to extend this invitation to your associates and younger colleagues.

Tuesday Morning Presentations. Tuesday morning's general session will be a very timely and informative panel presentation on "What Every Lawyer Should Know About Bankruptcy Laws." This program will include insights from both judges and practitioners. District breakout sessions conducted by panels of the District Court Judges will follow this general session.

Business Luncheon. Also on Tuesday, there will be a business luncheon for the Board of Governors and Committee Members of the 7th Circuit Bar Association at noon at the Hotel Intercontinental.

International Law Presentation. On Tuesday afternoon, there will be a presentation by the American Society of International Law, which the Seventh Circuit Judiciary has graciously agreed to open up to members of the Bar Association. The topic of this presentation is "The Practice of International Law at the Dawn of the 21st Century: Judges and Lawyers in a Globalizing World."

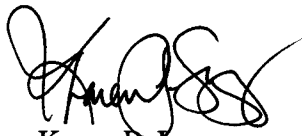
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Website. Additional information regarding the Conference, including a slide show presentation of the schedule of events and a link to the Hotel Intercontinental, can be found on the Association's website, www.ca7.uscourts.gov/bar.

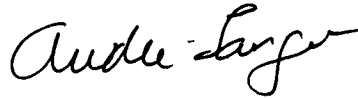
Registration Material. Please register for these activities by returning the enclosed registration form. If possible, we ask that you register by April 10, 2002, so that we can ensure that there is adequate space for all attendees. If you have any questions about the Association's program, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail one of us. If you require any assistance in making arrangements to attend the Conference, please call Michael Ralston at (312) 609-7654.

We look forward to seeing you at the Opening Reception at the Dewes Mansion, on the evening of May 5, 2002.

Very truly yours,



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